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TO THE FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1968.

FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

To the Chairman and Members of the Falmouth and Truro
Port Health Authority.

Mr.Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

As in previous years the report is compiled in accordance with Form Port 20 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Our Port Health Inspector, Mr.Frank Jackett, has retired after suffering indifferent health for a long time and after an interval Mr.David Rye commenced duties at the end of July. I should like to thank the Falmouth Borough Council's Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr.Hacking, for helping us out until Mr.Rye arrived.

It is again a pleasure to record my thanks to the Superintendent of H.M.Customs Waterguard and his staff, H.M.Immigration Officer, The Pilots, Dockmasters, Agents and Owners, and the Boatmen who transported me at various times in all sorts of weather.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority for their interest and sympathetic consideration of matters affecting the Administration.

I am,
Mr.Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H.R.T.DEVLIN

Port Medical Officer.

I. STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D.HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	Town Clerk, Falmouth.
J.ODGERS	Treasurer	1 April, 1964	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
H.R.T.DEVLIN	Port Medical Officer of Health	1 July, 1966	M.B., B.Ch.	-
J.F.H.DEEBLE	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 October, 1966	M.B., Bs.Lond. D.R.C.O.G.	-
D.G.RYE	Port Health Inspector	29 July, 1968	M.A.P.H.I.	-
Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health		42, Church Street, Falmouth. Tel. Falmouth 312143		

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	348	1,603,849	6	112	-
Coastwise	579	979,449	4	181	-
	927	2,583,398	10	293	-

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III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS	323
	(Number of passengers OUTWARDS	135
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS small quantity of Timber, Coal, (Petroleum Spirit, Lubricating Oils, Seed Oysters, Barley (and Animal Feeding Stuffs, Fertiliser. Only a (neglible amount of import trade is carried on at the (Port which is primarily a ship repair Port.	
	(Principal EXPORTS - None	

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Arklow, Cork, Dublin, Hamburg, Hamina, Stettin, Rostock, Rotterdam, Rouen, Wilhelmshavem, Ymuidoy.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No Change

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 to 1963

No Change

VII. SMALLPOX

No Change

VII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No Change

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of Ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from Foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

X OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No Change

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates Issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant (State method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
-	-	-	-	-	58	58

XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	632	-	27	All notices complied with
Re-visits	578	-	-	
Total	1,210	-	27	-

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1955

The Regulations refer to the gathering and sale for human consumption of shell fish which may be inspected.

All shell fish in the area are liable to pollution and before they are sold passed through tanks at Helford; Flushing; Coombe, Truro; and Mylor. Specimens are sent to the Public Health Laboratory.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND IMMIGRANTS

(1) The Port Medical Officer holds a warrant of appointment.

(2) Other Staff

None.

(3) Organisation of Work

The Port Medical Officer is notified of alien passengers or stowaways arriving at the Port and arrangements are made to examine them on board.

(4) Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic

The majority of Aliens arriving at the Port are visiting yachtsmen.

Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962

Commonwealth citizens arriving and leaving -

Arrivals 9
Departures 13

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No case of death on board ship from infectious disease has occurred for many years. Dead bodies of persons who had died on board from infectious disease would be removed to the mortuary whence they would be buried.

Cases of Injury or Illness on board vessels

January	8	Gulf Tide Oil Rig	Injuries	3	Referred Hospital
	25	S.S.Beaverash	Burns	1	Referred Hospital
	26	British Soldier	Haematuria	1	Referred Hospital
February	2	Atlantic Venture	Haematemesis	1	Referred Hospital
	12	S.S.Spyros	Renal Colic	1	Referred Hospital
	14	M.T.Nusakan	Urticaria	1	Treated on board
	18	S.S.Vertagus	Shock	1	Sent home
March	3	British Duchess	Injuries	1	Referred Hospital
	5	Anton Seafkow	Injuries	1	Repatriated
			Toothache	2	To Dentist
	9	M.T.National Front	Vomiting	1	Referred Hospital
	18	Max Reinam	Abdominal Pain	1	Treated on board
	30	S.T.Olza	Chest Infection	1	Treated on board
	31	Esso Exeter	Multiple Fractures	1	Referred Hospital
April	19	S.S.Virginia	Haemetemesis	1	Referred Hospital
	27	British Statesman	Rectal Bleeding	1	Referred Hospital
May	6	Vacuum Pioner	Deceased Captain		Coroner Notified
June	13	Clark Maxwell	Sore throat	1	Treated on board
	16	S.S.Tivives	Injuries accident at sea	3	One landed
	23		Burns	1	Referred Hospital
	27	Cable Ship Alert	Acute Abdomen	1	Referred Hospital
July	9	Athel Duke	Head Injury	1	Referred Hospital
September	14	British Architect	Dead Seaman	1	Coroner informed
	14	M.T.Oratana	Hernia	1	Repatriated
	15	Princess Royal	Burns	1	Referred Hospital
	26	Bogota	Back injury	1	Referred Hospital
	27	M.F.A.Thakeham	Scaled foot	1	" Royal Navy
November	7	Overseas Jason	Back injury	1	Referred Hospital
	23	Ethnefjell	Burned body	1	Returned own country

The above ships were visited at sea. This list does not include numbers of seamen who were seen ashore.